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LETTER DATED 10 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith an information bulletin on the measures taken by Iraq during the month of April 1993 pursuant to resolution 687 (1991).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the annexed information bulletin circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Information bulletin on the measures taken by Iraq pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991) during the month of April 1993

I. INSPECTION TEAMS

1. Chemical Destruction Group (UNSCOM 38)

The Chemical Destruction Group that has been in the country since 18 June 1992 continued its work at the Muthanna Establishment. The Group is supervising the destruction by the Iraqi side of chemical weapons and ammunition at this site.

2. Second Interim Monitoring Team (MT-1.B)

The Second Interim Monitoring Team has pursued its work under the leadership of Dennis Vincent since 27 March 1993. Its task has been focused on the temporary monitoring of Iraqi industrial establishments. During the month of April, the Team made daily visits to the Rashid plant and the three workshops belonging to it: Al-Amin, Al-Ma'mun and Al-Mu'tasim, as well as the Qa'qa' State Establishment. The Team also visited the Kindi State Establishment and the Ibn al-Haitham Research and Design Centre. The Team will continue its work until an unspecified date.

3. Chemical Inspection Team (UNSCOM 55)

The Team, led by the Russian national Igor Mitrokhin and including 14 chemical inspectors, arrived in Iraq on 9 April 1993. The Team visited the following nine sites: the pesticide site, the chlorine site, Muthanna, the Hurriyah Base ammunition depot, Tuz airbase, the State Phosphate Establishment at Akashat, the Hattin State Establishment ammunition depots, the chemical unit at Balad and one of the military units at the Rashidiyah Camp. The Team left Iraq on 15 April 1993.

4. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Group of Experts on the Transport of Nuclear Fuel

The Group, led by Maurizio Zifferero and including 17 experts, arrived in Iraq on 19 April 1993. The Group visited the following sites:

Tuwaitha: The visit included the site of the 14th of July (14-Tammuz) reactor in order to view the fuel site in the reactor and consequently to ascertain the feasibility of transporting the fuel.

Jurf al-Naddaf: One of the nuclear combustion fuel tanks was calibrated, radiation measurements were taken, and technical discussions were held on the machinery for executing the work.

Habbaniyah airfield: The feasibility of landing a fuel transport aircraft was studied, as well as the potential and requirements of the airbase for receiving the aircraft.

Durings its visit, the Group held four meetings with the Iraqi side in which technical discussions were conducted on:

- the obligations of both sides;
- the timetable;
- the equipment, supplies and machinery required by both sides;
- accident insurance.

At the end of the visit a memorandum of understanding was signed by both sides on the obligations of each party regarding the provision of the technical and mechanical requirements for the transport of the fuel, which will take place at a later date. The leader of the Group, Mr. Maurizio Zifferero, indicated that his technical visit to discuss the transport of nuclear fuel out of Iraq had been a positive one, that the Iraqi side had been very cooperative in facilitating the work and that a memorandum of understanding on the obligations of both sides had been signed. The Group left Iraq on 24 April 1993.

5. Activities of the Special Commission's Helicopter Unit

During the month of April, the Helicopter Unit carried out the tasks entrusted to it with the cooperation of the Iraqi side. The Unit flew 28 missions for the transport of the inspection teams to and from the inspection sites. The Air Reconnaissance Team flew 9 missions for the reconnaissance and photographing of 23 sites.

6. Meeting of the Director of the Military Industrial Corporation with members of the UNSCOM 54 inspection team

A meeting was held on 2 April 1993 between the Director of the Military Industrial Corporation and members of the UNSCOM Office, members of the UNSCOM 54 inspection team, Nikita Smidovich and Scott Ritter. At the meeting, many matters were discussed and replies were given to many questions raised during the meeting.

II. UNITED NATIONS IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION

Consultation and cooperation continued between the Iraqi side and the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM). At the request of General Dibuama, Chief Military Observer, the Iraqi side decided to move the following border posts to 1,000 metres back from the border:

1. Jarishan
2. Abu Musa

3. Al-Shahid Himam

4. Bahrat Khawshan

5. Hulaybah

6. Al-Ruji

III. RETURN OF PROPERTY

The hand-over of the Hawk missile system began at Safwan on 4 April. During the first week of the operation, 74 Hawk missiles with equipment were handed over. The hand-over will probably be completed in the first week of May. The second stage of the hand-over of heavy military equipment will begin directly after the hand-over of the Hawk missile system has been completed.

IV. MISSING PERSONS

Iraq has affirmed on all occasions that it has no so-called "Kuwaiti detainees". The latest piece of evidence in confirmation thereof is the decision of Iraq to hand over to the International Red Cross mission at Baghdad the six Kuwaiti brothers who entered Iraqi territory illegally on 8 April 1993. This decision on the part of Iraq demonstrates its truthful and sincere intentions in dealing with such humanitarian cases.